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Hello to all friends and family. The company arrived after about 24 hours of travel time in the sunny, hot desert of Kuwait.



Soldiers enjoying more room than normal during the flight

After landing at the Kuwait International Airport, the soldiers were all taken by bus to a staging area located in the northwestern portions of Kuwait. Here at Camp Buerhing the soldiers spent the first few days acclimating to their new surroundings and trying to adjust to a new time schedule 8 hours ahead of Fort Riley.

Living conditions at Camp Buerhing are decent. All soldiers are living, although i

in somewhat close proximity to each other, in air conditioned tents which house our soldiers. The dining facility serves 4 hot meals every day with all the flavors and variety they're accustomed to at Riley. For those who choose, AAFEES has Taco Bell, Baskin Robbins, Subway and even a Burger King on the camp. Everything is a walk here as Camp Buerhing is an enormous place. The dining facility, for example, is about a ½ mile walk one-way. A PX, phone and internet café are available to soldiers as well.



A view of the living tents

While the company has been at Camp Buerhing, we've conducted a number of classes and a few field training exercises. We received classroom



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blocks of instruction on the tactics, techniques, and procedures we will use everyday. We spent a few days out at the local training areas and ranges focused on convoy operations and close-quarters combat. The instructors were all retired senior noncommissioned officers with recent combat experience and they offered top notch instruction. For the most part, it was an opportunity for soldiers to operate tactically in a new environment and brush the dust of the skills we trained before deployment. The training ended with live-fire opportunities for most soldiers in the company.



An October 1st Promotion Ceremony

We will be moving north to our permanent base camp within the next few days. Communications once we arrive will likely be sporadic as the

company works hard to unload all its equipment, begin transitioning with the unit already there, and ultimately assume sole responsibility for combat logistics patrols. It will be a long first couple of weeks as we totally focus on getting established and running missions. We will ensure each soldier gets an opportunity to call home in the first few days.



Senior NCOs at Camp Buerhing

We have been in direct communication with the unit we are replacing. In fact, a few soldiers have already departed to get certain supply, maintenance, and administrative systems operating before the bulk of the company arrives.

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immeasurably powerful boost to morale.

Our mailing address will be:

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A typical view of the Kuwaiti desert

We will continue to publish these updates at least monthly. The next installment will give you an idea of life at LSA Anaconda. Additional installments will highlight specific platoons and their daily lives and missions.

Thank you for your support.

CPT Jeff Jurand

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